

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CORPORATE AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3450
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Cartelization of Cement Industry
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Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Competition Commission of India (CCI) stands by its previous orders of penalising certain cement companies for alleged cartelization and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the cement industry is free of such non-competitive and illegal practices; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering to set up any regulatory authority for cement industry and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)
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(a) & (b) The Competition Commission of India (CCI) penalised cement companies having found them guilty of cartelisation vide orders dated 30.07.2012 and 20.06.2012 respectively. In the first order, penalty of Rs.397.51 Crore on Shree Cement and, in the second order, a total penalty of Rs.6316.59 Crore on 10 cement companies and Rs.73 Lakh on the Cement Manufacturers Association (CMA) was imposed.

The CCI, in pursuance of remand of the matter by the erstwhile Competition Appellate Tribunal (COMPAT), heard the parties afresh, and passed final orders in both the cases on 31.08.2016 re-iterating the penalties imposed earlier.

(c) Government in the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion has stated that no such proposal is being considered.
